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REMARKS

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Applicant thanks the Examiner and her SPE for their courtesy and assistance during an interview which was held on 24 October 2006. During the interview, Applicant explained that the 1.131 Declaration submitted on 5 September 2006
10 was provided to correct defects in the earlier submitted 1.131 Declaration, as pointed out by the Examiner in the Office Action dated 2 June 2006.

In particular, the Examiner noted that the first 1.131 Declaration was submitted along with accompanying Exhibits A and B, as evidence of both conception and
15 diligent reduction of practice prior to the critical date of the cited references. Applicant acknowledges that there was an error in the basis on submitting the initial 1.131 Declaration. Applicant accordingly submitted the second 1.131 Declaration to correct the defect by providing substantial evidence of diligent reduction of practice from conception up until production of a working model, as
20 attested to by the inventors in the declaration. Applicant also pointed out the coincidence of the inventor's reduction to practice with the submission of the present patent application, which is further evidence of reduction of practice.

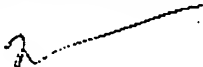
During the interview, it was agreed that the second 1.131 Declaration would be
25 handled and considered. Applicant is of the opinion that the two 1.131 Declarations taken together establish both conception and diligent reduction of practice sufficient to overcome the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection based on art and allow the application to issue as US Letter Patent.

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Should the Examiner deem it helpful, she is encouraged to contact Applicant's attorney, Michael A. Glenn at (650) 474-8400.

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Respectfully submitted,



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